

means to cause the balloon to expand around the stent means; and

D¹ cooling the balloon catheter within the holding means so that the balloon adheres to the stent means.

16. (amended) A method of making a system for delivery of an endovascular support device, comprising the steps of:

providing a balloon catheter having a proximal portion and a distal portion and a balloon on said distal portion;

mounting at least one endovascular support device on [a] said balloon of [a] said balloon catheter;

D² placing the distal portion of the balloon catheter including the at least one endovascular support device within a sheath to prevent expansion of the mounted endovascular support device;

heating the distal portion of the balloon catheter placed in said sheath [the mounted endovascular support device] to cause the balloon to expand around the endovascular support device; and


cooling the balloon catheter within the sheath so that the balloon adheres to the endovascular support device.

REMARKS

Applicants submit amendments to previously allowed claims 8 and 16. Applicants believe the amendments clarify the claimed invention. Applicants submit that claims are in condition for allowance. An early and favorable action on the merits is respectfully requested.

Additionally, in the Notice of Allowance of the parent case a notation was made that new formal drawings were required "because the originally filed drawings were declared by the applicant to be informal." Applicants, however, respectfully submit that formal drawings were submitted and were noted as such on the transmittal letter.

Respectfully submitted,

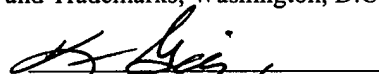

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